Cantonment require major repairs and improvement.

(6) 21 bore wells should be sanctioned for the civil areas of the Cantonment, to improve the availability of water whenever the piped water supply scheme breaks down.

(7) The present charges levied by Government for conversion of Old Grant Sites in the civilian areas of the Cantonment to Free Hold Sites are very high. These may be brought down and the power of conversion of old Grant Sites into Free Hold Sites may be delegated to Southern Command authorities at Pune.

(8) The open areas in the Cantonment area may be released for allotment to Housing Societies for construction of houses for low-income groups and for educational purposes.

(9) Government should undertake slum area development programme for the slums presently in parts of the Cantonment area.

(10) The Cantonment Act may be amended for giving more powers to the elected members, so that all decisions on development matters can be taken at the local level.

In July 1988, Government had made an offer to the Ahmednagar Municipal Council proposing the transfer of 40-91 acres of Defence lands in the excised area of Ahmednagar Cantonment to the Municipal Council on payment of the market value of the land of Rs. 2,25,90, 787/- The Municipal Council did not accept transfer at market value and requested for allotment of the land at a nominal value, which was not agreed to.

Ban on use of Semi-Transparent Glasses in Vehicles in Delhi

*645. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has imposed ban on the use of semi-transparent glasses in all vehicles plying in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some vehicles have been exempted from this ban;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the punitive action proposed to be taken against the vehicle owners found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The Delhi Administration have advised the motorists to remove solar films/tinted glasses having visibility less than 70% from their motor vehicles so that the vehicles comply with the provisions stipulated in Rule 100 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

(c) and (d). The Delhi Administration have decided to grant exemption in exceptional cases on security/health grounds. The motorists desirous of seeking exemption have been advised to obtain necessary recommendation from the Police Commissioner/ Directorate of Health Services.

(e) Punishment for violation of the Rules will be in accordance with provisions of Section 190 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

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*646. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: